

SENATOR LANDIS: We now have a licensure in this form and we have moved from qualified to licensed to approximate that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So that's no problem, of course...

SENATOR LANDIS: It's not.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...for that insurance consultant. What actually...all of those companies, I assume, that started out with this original bill 20 years ago have now all grown to fit this still.

SENATOR LANDIS: We don't know that. The Task Force was composed of largely insurers and there was not...there was not a register, if you will, for companies that qualify for this so that we didn't know which ones were or were not growing to this level of standard. The numbers were chosen, basically, on the theory of trying to update the costs of insurance which have gone up very much and just the growth factor of the economy over 20 years. That's why the numbers were selected as they are. That's why, by the way, the premium amount has grown four times but the size of employees has grown twice because the costs of insurance have gone up considerably more than simply just the growth of the economy.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do we...does the State of Nebraska receive this insurance premium tax or would this be considered outside?

SENATOR LANDIS: This is outside our normal taxation.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Of our state.

SENATOR LANDIS: And we would not receive premium tax from a policy written under this formula.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And that, of course, is why we don't have records then of...

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...how this would affect. And the real basis for the effect is for those insurers that are within the State of Nebraska, wanted some kind of benefit from that?